Increasing Washington's Higher Educational Attainment Levels: Process for Reviewing Proposals for Major Expansion

HECB - INITIATED

APPROACH
A competitive RFP process

Identify under-served areas and/or populations and/or high demand program areas.

Release RFP to Higher Ed. System (Part I)

To meet particular unmet need and request for proposals to "expand on demand"

Evaluate Part I of proposals.

Fund for Innovation Proposals Responding to SMP Priorities

LOCALLY - DRIVEN APPROACH

Identify under-served area and/or populations and/or high demand program areas.

Identify Proposed Mission Change

Develop Part I of proposal to document ability to "expand on demand" and specify scope of project

If Part I accepted:

Develop Part II of proposal using Guiding Principles and Criteria outlined below to demonstrate:

- * specific scope of project (e.g. large vs. smaller capital investment needs, number of FTE & programs)
- * sustainable financial plan
- * response to state's & regional economic/workforce needs;
- extent to which existing resources are leveraged;
- * near -term goals: current FTE to support the proposed programs/institutions/ inovations, and 5-year projections
- * long-term goals: plans to accommodate expected growth over the next 20 years;
- * extent to which new or existing partnerships & collaborations are part of the proposals;
- * feasibility of any proposed innovations (3-year programs, joint use, technology, alternative calendar, etc.) to speed up degree production

HECB evaluates proposal and makes a recomendation to the Legislature .